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## P R E F A C E.

**H**AVING had many leisure hours some years ago, I applied some of them to the calculation of chances, which I reduced into as narrow a compass as possible, by forming them into regular Tables (for my own private amusement) by which means they became less burthensome in the pocket, and more readily referred to. When I had advanced thus far, I judged it proper to publish them for the use of others, as many resort to Horse Races, Cockings, &c. and lay their money at random, for want of some help of this sort, whereby they might sport with much greater certainty ; for that reason I have made it as plain as possible, and notwithstanding I have compiled them in

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so concise a compass, there is scarce any thing that occurs in a Sportsman's practice, which may not be found in this small Treatise.

As the utility is so great in comparison to the price, no Sportsman ought to be without it ; and I doubt not but those who purchase it will find their money well laid out.

The greatest advantage a Sportsman has, is by betting different ways, for by making various hedge-bets he may often reduce his chance to a certainty of winning.

And first, in order to inform my readers how to sport at Horse Races, I have given such examples as will enable those (who give due attention to what is here advanced) to bet with the greatest certainty of gain.

Secondly,

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Secondly, the great variety of Tables of Odds in Cock-Fighting, will point out, at first sight, what the exact odds are in any case whatever : Suppose there are nine battles in a match to fight, wherein there is even money on each side every battle ; and, that one side is already four battles a-head, of course the other side must win. Look in the first Table, and you'll find 7 out of 9 is 10  $\frac{6}{46}$  to 1, which is the odds.

Thirdly, you have a Table shewing the odds for and against one side, or either side, winning a certain number of battles, out of a certain number.

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It may be questioned how it is possible to calculate the Odds in Horse-Racing, when perhaps the Jockies in a great measure know, before they start, which is to win ?

In answer to which, give me leave to propose a question ; suppose I tofs up a halfpenny, and you are to guess whether it  
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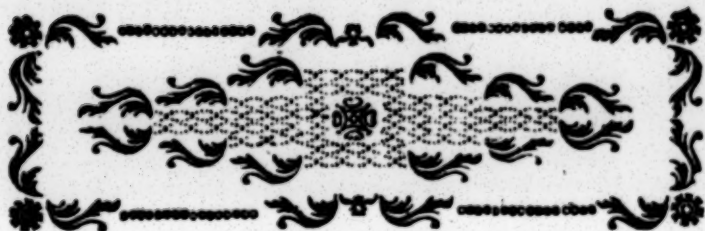
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will be head or tail, must it not be allowed you have an equal chance to win, as to lose ?

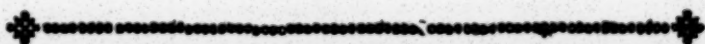
Or if I hide a halfpenny under a hat, and I know what is, have not you as good a chance to guess right, as if it were tossed up ?

My knowing it to be a head, can be no hindrance to you, as long as you have the liberty of choosing either head or tail.

But there are some people that build so much upon their own opinion, that should their favourite horse happen to be beat, they will have it to be owing to some fraud.



A  
CALCULATION  
OF  
CHANCES.



THE  
ODDS IN HORSE-RACING.



A S the Odds in Horse-Racing cannot be reduced into regular Tables, as those are in Cock-fighting; it will not be unnecessary, for that reason, to point out the method how to calculate them occasionally,

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casionally, which I shall endeavour to do in as plain and easy a manner as possible; and the more so, as this Treatise may be consulted by some Sportsmen who are not conversant in figures.

First, you are to understand, the expectation on an event, is considered as the present certain value or worth, of whatsoever sum or thing is depending on the happening of that event.

Therefore, if the expectation on an event, be divided by the value of the thing expected, on the happening of that event; the quotient will be, the probability of happening.

### EXAMPLE I.

Suppose Two Horses, viz. A and B, to start for 50 l. and there are even bets on both sides, it is evident that the present

sent value or worth of each of their expectations will be 25 l. and the probabilities  $\frac{25}{50}$  or  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

For if they had agreed to divide the prize between them, according as the bets should be at the time of their starting, they would each of them be intitled to 25 l.; but, if A had been thought so much superior to B, that the bets had been 3 to 2 in his favour, then the real value of A's expectation would have been 30 l. and that of B's only 20 l. and their several probabilities  $\frac{30}{50}$  and  $\frac{20}{50}$ .

## EXAMPLE II.

Let us suppose three horses to start for a sweepstakes, viz. A, B, and C, and that the odds are 8 to 6, A against B; and 6 to 4, B against C, What is the odds; A against C, and the Field against A?

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ANSWER.



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##### ANSWER.

2 to 1, A against C; and 10 to 8, or 5 to 4, the Field against A. See the following Scheme:

A's expectation is	8
B's expectation is	6
C's expectation is	4
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But if the bets had been 7 to 4, A against B; and even money, B against C; then the odds would have been 8 to 7, the Field against A, as is shewn in the following scheme:

7	A.
4	B.
4	C.
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But, as this is the basis upon which all the rest depends, I shall endeavour to  
make



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make it as plain as possible, by giving another example or two, and then proceed.

### EXAMPLE III.

Suppose the same three as before, and the common bets 7 to 4, A against B; 21 to 20, or gold to silver, B against C; we must state it thus, viz. 7 guineas to 4, A against B; and 4 guineas to 4 l. B against C; which being reduced into shillings, the scheme will stand as follows:

147 A's expectation.

84 B's expectation.

80 C's expectation.

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By which it will be 164 to 147, the the Field against A, (something more than 39 to 35). Now, if we compare this with the last example, we may conclude it to be right; for, if it had been 40 to

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35, then it would have been 8 to 7 ; exactly as in the last example.

But as some persons may be at a loss to know why I select the numbers 39 and 35, it is requisite to shew such as have the least knowledge of the Sliding-Rule, how they may readily find them.

### R U L E.

Set 164 upon the line, A to 147 upon the Slider B, and then look all along, till you see two whole numbers which stand exactly one against the other (or as near as you can come), which in this case you find 39 on A, to stand against 35 on the Slider B (very nearly). But as  $\frac{164}{311}$  and  $\frac{147}{311}$  are in the lowest terms, there are no less numbers, in the same proportion, as 164 to 147 : 39 and 35 being the nearest, but not quite exact.

### EXAMPLE

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## EXAMPLE IV.

Let us suppose the same three as before, and the bets to be 7 to 4, A against B; and gold to silver, C against B; What will the odds be, the Field against A?

ANSWER.

41 to 35.

For, as it is 7 l. to 4, A against B; and 4 guineas to 4 l. C against B, the scheme will stand as follows :

140 A.

80 B.

84 C.

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A's expectation will only be 140, B's expectation will be 80; and that of C will be 84; for if they should agree to to divide the prize among them according to the bets, and that the whole stake or prize

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prize to be run for was 304 l.; then A would be intitled to 140, B 80, and C 84 l.; and the odd's would be 164 to 140 or 41 to 35 exactly.

### EXAMPLE V.

Again, suppose three horses to start, viz. A, B, and C; and that the bets are 5 to 3, A against the Field; and 2 to 1, B against C. What is the odds that A is not hindmost?

ANSWER,

12  $\frac{12}{13}$  to 1.

The following scheme shews their several chances or expectations for winning, viz.

A	5
B	2
C	1
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Total	8

From



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From which it appears, that the sum of all their chances is 8 ; out of which A has 5 chances of winning, and C has only 1 : some may assert, indeed, that there is as great a probability for A to be hindmost, as there is for C to be foremost, viz.  $\frac{1}{8}$ , and the odds 7 to 1 ; whereas the true odds is 12  $\frac{12}{13}$  to 1, as above. The probability of B's coming first is  $\frac{2}{8}$  ; if that should so happen, then the probability of C's coming second would be  $\frac{1}{6}$  ; but the probability of getting into that circumstance, being only  $\frac{2}{8}$ , the true expectation of B's coming first and C second, is therefore only  $\frac{2}{8}$  of  $\frac{1}{6}$ , or  $\frac{1}{24}$  : and, secondly, the probability of C's coming first, and B second, it is manifest from the same way of reasoning, would be  $\frac{1}{8}$  of  $\frac{2}{7}$ , or  $\frac{1}{28}$ , which being added to  $\frac{1}{24}$ , =  $\frac{52}{672}$ , or  $\frac{13}{168}$  the probability of A's coming hindmost ; which being deducted from unity,

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there remains  $\frac{155}{168}$ , the probability of its failing; and the required odds 155 to 52, or  $12\frac{12}{13}$  to 1. (See more of this in the 16th Example, where four are supposed to start.)

It sometimes happens when only 3 or 4 horses start, that some of the Knowing Ones will undertake to post them, that is, to name the particular order in which each horse will come in; viz. A first, B second, D third, &c. and as these horses may change places as often as three bells, so may four horses change places as often as four bells, &c. Two bells will only admit of being changed twice, and the same of two horses, viz. A, B, and B, A; Three may change places six times, as,

A, B, C,  
A, C, B,  
B, A, C,  
C, A, B,  
C, B, A,  
B, C, A,

For

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For 2 multiplied by 3 = 6, and as there are six ways that they may change places, and only one way for them to come in the same order, as A, B, C, it is very plain that it is 5 to 1 against their coming in the same order; and, as 2, multiplied by 3, multiplied by 4, is equal to 24, so 4 bells may be changed 24 ways, and 5 bells 120 ways, &c.

In order to explain this somewhat more, let us suppose three tickets equally alike, one marked A, the second B, and the third C; and to be rolled up, and put into a bag, and a person to draw them out blindfold, one by one, it is 5 to 1 they do not come out in the same order, viz. A first, B next, and C last; because the probability of A coming out first is only  $\frac{1}{3}$ ; now, if it happen to be drawn first then the probability for drawing B next is  $\frac{1}{2}$ , which being multiplied by  $\frac{1}{3}$ , is  
equal



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equal to  $\frac{1}{6}$  the probability of their coming in that very order; which, being subtracted from unity, the remainder will be  $\frac{5}{6}$ , the probability of its failing; and the odds will be 5 to 1. (See Simpson's Laws of Chance, page 7.)

If there were four things drawn as before, viz. A, B, C, and D, then the odds will be 23 to 1, that they do not all come out in the same order, viz, A, B, C, D, &c. for  $\frac{1}{4}$ , of  $\frac{1}{3}$  of  $\frac{1}{2}$ , is equal to  $\frac{1}{24}$ , the probability of its happening; which being subtracted from unity, the remainder will be  $\frac{23}{24}$ , the probability of its failing, and the odds 23 to 1; yet, notwithstanding this is the ground-work upon which the rest depend, it will not hold good in Horse-racing, because horses are not all equal.

For,



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For, let us suppose three horses to start, viz. A, B, and C; and that the bets are 2 to 1, A against B; and 5 to 4, B against C. What will be the odds against posting them?

ANSWER.

121 to 50.

First, draw a scheme of their respective expectations, as follows :

$$\begin{array}{r}
 10 \text{ A,} \\
 5 \text{ B,} \\
 4 \text{ C,} \\
 \hline
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 \end{array}$$

Thus it appears that the probability of A coming first is  $\frac{10}{19}$ . Secondly, if A should come first, the probability of B coming second will be  $\frac{2}{5}$ ; now  $\frac{10}{19}$  multiplied by  $\frac{2}{5}$  will equal  $\frac{50}{171}$ , the probability for its happening; which being subtracted from

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from unity, the remainder will be  $\frac{121}{171}$ ; the probability of its failing, and the odds 121 to 50, almost 17 to 7: for as 50 on A is to 121 upon B, so is 7 upon A to 17 upon B, nearly.

#### EXAMPLE VI.

Let us suppose four horses, viz. A, B, C, and to start for a sweepstakes one single heat, and the bets to be 12 to 7, A against B; 7 to 5, B against C; and 5 to 4, C against D. Now, according to the foregoing bets, What is the odds A against C, A against D, B against D, and the Field against each of the horses separately.

To solve these questions draw the following scheme of their superiority according to the bets above.

$$\begin{array}{r} 12 \text{ A,} \\ 7 \text{ B,} \\ 5 \text{ C,} \\ 4 \text{ D,} \\ \hline 28 \end{array}$$

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It will appear that the odds will be 12 to 5, A against C ; 12 to 4 (or 3 to 1), A against D ; and, as the numbers 12, 7, 5, and 4, represents each horse's expectation, it will follow that the odds against A's winning will be 16 to 12 (or 4 to 3) ; because 12 is A's expectation, and 16 the sum of all the other expectations ; therefore A's probability of winning will be,  $\frac{12}{28}$ , and that of his losing  $\frac{16}{28}$  ; consequently the odds will be 8 to 6 (or 4 to 3) the Field against A ; 21 to 7 (or 3 to 1) the Field against B ; 23 to 5 the Field against C ; and 24 to 4 (or 6 to 1) the Field against D.

### EXAMPLE VII.

Let us suppose five horses to start, viz. A, B, C, D, and E, and that the bets are 7 to 6, A against any one ; and even bets among the rest. What is the odds that A does not win.

ANSWER.

25 to 6.

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In order to solve this, draw a scheme of their respective probabilities as follows :

$$\begin{array}{r}
 7 \text{ A,} \\
 6 \text{ B,} \\
 6 \text{ C,} \\
 6 \text{ D,} \\
 6 \text{ E,} \\
 \hline
 31
 \end{array}$$

By this scheme you may readily perceive the odds to be 24 to 7, almost 7 to 2, the Field against A ; and 25 to 6, or something more than 4 to 1 (that is,  $4\frac{1}{6}$  to 1,) the Field against any of the other four.

### EXAMPLE VIII.

Let us suppose five to start, viz. A's black horse, B's bay gelding, C's bay gelding, D's grey mare, and E's grey mare ; and that the bets are 8 to 6, A against B ; even money B against C ; 3 to 2 C



2 C against D, and even bets D against E.  
Then what will the odds be, the Field  
against A, and the Geldings against the  
Mares ?

Before you can solve this it will be  
necessary to form a scheme of their re-  
spective probabilities as follows :

8	A,
6	B,
6	C,
4	D,
4	E,
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By this scheme it will appear that the  
odds will be 20 to 8 (or 5 to 2), the  
Field against A, for the reasons before  
given; and it will be 6 to 4 the Geldings  
against the Mares. (See Simpson's Laws  
of Chance, page 5 and 6.) But it is 16  
to 9 that both the Geldings don't beat  
D the

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Mares. (See the Table of Two Battles, under the Article COCK-FIGHTING, where you will find it to be 7 s. 1 d.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , and  $\frac{1}{2}$ , to 4s.)

### EXAMPLE IX.

Let us suppose fix to start, viz. Lord A's grey horse, Lord B's grey mare, Lord C's bay horse, the Duke of D's bay mare, the Duke of E's black horse, and the Duke of F's black mare; and, also, let us suppose the bets to be as follows, viz. Gold to Silver Lord A's grey horse against Lord C's grey mare; even money Lord's B's grey mare against Lord C's bay horse; 8 to 6 Lord C's bay horse against the duke of D's bay mare; even money the duke of D's bay mare against the Duke of E's black horse; and 5 to 4 the Duke of E's black horse, against the Duke of F's black mare.

Then

Then, What is the odds the Lords against the Dukes, the three horses against the three mares, the two greys against the two bays, the two greys against the two blacks, and the two bays against the two blacks.

Lord A's grey horse, Lord B's grey mare, and the Duke of F's black mare, against Lord C's bay horse, the Duke of D's bay mare, and the Duke of E's black horse.

First draw a scheme of their expectations as follows :

- 21 Lord A's grey horse,
- 20 Lord B's grey mare,
- 20 Lord C's bay horse,
- 15 the Duke of D's bay mare,
- 15 the Duke of E's black horse,
- 12 the Duke of F's black mare.

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By which it appears very plain to be 61 to 42, something more than 16 to 11 found by the Sliding-Rule, by setting 61 upon A, to 42 upon B. I find 16 upon A stand against 11 upon B very nearly, the Lords against the Dukes. Secondly, it is 56 to 47, the Horses against the Mares (almost 6 to 5); for, as 56 upon A, is to 47 upon B, so is 6 upon A, to little more than 5 upon B, or as 47 upon A, is to 56 upon B, so is 5 upon A to very near 6 upon B. Thirdly, it is 41 to 35 the Greys against the Bays (or something better than 7 to 6), found by the Sliding-Rule, as before; for 35 upon A, is to 41 upon B, so is 6 upon A to very near 7 upon B. Fourthly, it is 41 to 27 the Greys against the Blacks (better than 6 to 4). Fifthly, it is 35 to 27, the Bays against the Blacks, almost 13 to 10, for as 35 on A is to 27 on B, so is 13 upon A, to a little more than 10 upon B. And,  
 Lastly,



Lastly, it is 53 to 50 Lord A's grey horse, Lord B's grey mare, and the Duke of F's black mare, against Lord C's bay horse, the Duke of D's bay mare, and the Duke of E's black horse, something more than 18 to 17; for as 50 upon A, is to 53 upon B, so is 17 upon A; to a little more than 18 on B.

EXAMPLE X.

Suppose eight to start, and their respective probabilities for winning as follows :

5 A,  
1 B,  
1 C,  
1 D,  
1 E,  
1 F,  
1 G,  
1 H.

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First, it will be 7 to 5, that A will not win; and, Secondly, 15 to 7, that he will come either first or second, for  $\frac{7}{12} \times \frac{6}{11}$ ,  $= \frac{7}{22}$ ; which being subtracted from unity, there remains  $\frac{15}{22}$ , the probability of his coming either first or second, and the odds 15 to 7.

### EXAMPLE XI.

Suppose eight start, viz. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H; and the bets to be 2 to 1, A against any thing; and even money among the rest; as follows:

2 A,  
1 B,  
1 C,  
1 D,  
1 E,  
1 F,  
1 G,  
1 H.

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First,

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First, it is 7 to 2, that A will not win. Secondly, it is 7 to 5 that he comes neither first nor second;  $\frac{7}{9} \times \frac{6}{8} = \frac{7}{12}$  the probability that he neither comes first nor second, which being subtracted from unity, there remains  $\frac{5}{12}$ , the probability of his coming either first or second, and the odds 7 to 5: and, Thirdly, it is 7 to 5 that he either comes first, second, or third;  $\frac{7}{9} \times \frac{6}{8} \times \frac{5}{7} = \frac{5}{12}$ , the probability that he neither comes first, second, nor third; which being subtracted from unity, there remains  $\frac{7}{12}$ , the probability of his coming either first, second, or third; and the odds 7 to 5.

### EXAMPLE XII.

Suppose eight to start, viz. A, B, C, D, E, F, G, and H; and the bets to be 5 to 2 A against any one; and even money among the rest, as in the following scheme:

5 A,

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5	A,
2	B,
2	C,
2	D,
2	E,
2	F,
2	G,
2	H,
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First, it is 14 to 5, the Field against A, almost 3 to 1.

Secondly, it is 168 to 155, something more than 13 to 12, that A comes neither first nor second; for  $\frac{14}{19} \times \frac{12}{17} = \frac{168}{323}$ , the probability; which being deducted from unity, there remains  $\frac{155}{323}$ , and therefore the odds is 168 to 155.

Thirdly, it is 211 to 112, that he comes either first, second, or third; for  $\frac{14}{19} \times \frac{12}{17} \times \frac{10}{15} = \frac{112}{323}$ , the probability that he neither comes



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comes first, second, nor third ; which being deducted from unity, there remains  $\frac{211}{323}$ , the probability of his being one of the first three, and the odds 211 to 112.

## EXAMPLE XIII.

Suppose four to start, viz. A, B, C, and D ; and their several expectations for winning, as follows:

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \text{ A,} \\ 3 \text{ B,} \\ 2 \text{ C,} \\ 2 \text{ D,} \\ \hline 10 \end{array}$$

By which it will be 6 to 4 A and B against C and D.

Secondly, it will be 7 to 3 the Field against A, and the same odds against B's winning.

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Thirdly,

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Thirdly, that A comes either first or second is 81 to 59; for A's expectation of winning is  $\frac{3}{10}$ , and the probability of B's coming first, and A's second, is  $\frac{3}{10} \times \frac{3}{7} = \frac{9}{70}$ ; and the probability of C's coming first, and A second, is  $\frac{2}{10} \times \frac{3}{8} = \frac{3}{40}$ ; and the probability of D's coming first, and A second, is also  $\frac{3}{40}$ . And  $\frac{3}{70} + \frac{3}{40} + \frac{3}{40} = \frac{39}{140}$ , the probability of A's coming second, which being added to  $\frac{3}{10}$  (his expectation of being first,)  $= \frac{81}{140}$ , the probability of his being either first or second, and odds the 81 to 59.

Fourthly, it is 26 to 9, that A and B, are not first and second. For  $\frac{3}{10} \times \frac{3}{7} = \frac{9}{70}$ , the probability of A's coming first, and B second; then consequently  $\frac{9}{70}$  must be the probability of B's coming first and A second; which, being added together  $= \frac{18}{70}$ , or  $\frac{9}{35}$ , the probability of their coming  
first

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first and second ; which being deducted from unity, there remains  $\frac{26}{35}$ , their not coming first and second ; and the odds 26 to 9, not quite 3 to 1.

Or thus,  $\frac{6}{10} \times \frac{3}{7} = \frac{9}{35}$ , the probability of their coming first and second, as before.

Fifthly, Sir Richard Hazard laid 6 guineas to 4, A against C ; and 6 guineas to 4 B against D ; What are the odds that he doth not win both these bets.

A N S W E R.

16 to 9.

For  $\frac{6}{10} \times \frac{6}{10} = \frac{9}{25}$ , his expectation of winning both ; which being deducted from unity, there remains  $\frac{16}{25}$ , the probability that he doth not win both, and the odds 16 to 9, something more than 7 to 4.

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### EXAMPLE XIV.

There are four horses to start for a sweepstakes, viz. A, B, C, and D ; and they are supposed to be as equally matched as possible.

Now, Mr. Sly has laid 10 guineas A against C, and also 10 guineas against D.

Likewise, Mr. Rider laid 10 guineas A against C ; and also he laid 10 guineas B against D.

After which Mr. Dice laid Mr. Sly 10 guineas to 4, that he will not win both his bets.

Secondly, he laid Mr. Rider 10 guineas to 4, that he will not win both his bets.

Now I desire to know what Mr. Dice's advantage, or disadvantage, is, in laying these two last-mentioned wagers.

First,



First, the probability of Mr. Sly's winning both his bets is  $\frac{1}{3}$  of 14 guineas; and Mr. Dice's expectation is  $\frac{2}{3}$  of 14 guineas, or 9 l. 16 s. which being deducted from his own stake (10 guineas) there remains 14 s. his disadvantage in that bet.

Secondly, Mr. Rider's expectation of winning his two bets is  $\frac{1}{4}$ , and, therefore, Mr Dice's expectation of the 14 guineas, is  $\frac{3}{4}$ , or 11 l. 0 s. 6 d. from which deduct 10 guineas (his own stake) there remains 10 s. 6 d. his advantage in this bet; which being deducted from 14 s. (his disadvantage in the other) there remains 3 s. 6 d. his disadvantage in laying both these bets.

EXAMPLE XV.

Suppose seven to start, viz. A, B, C, D, E, F, and G, all equal, to run one single heat,

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heat; the first to have the prize, and the second the stakes.

First, the probability of A's winning is  $\frac{1}{7}$ , and the odds 6 to 1.

Secondly, the probability of A's winning either prize or stakes, may be obtained by seeking severally the probabilities of his coming first and second, and add them together thus, viz. The probability of his coming first is  $\frac{1}{7}$  (as before), and  $\frac{6}{7} \times \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{7}$  the probability of his coming second; which being added to  $\frac{1}{7}$  (the probability of his coming first)  $= \frac{2}{7}$ ; the probability of his coming either first or second; and the odds is 5 to 2 that he neither wins the prize or stakes; as may be seen at once in the following scheme:

I A,

1 A,  
1 B,  
1 C,  
1 D,  
1 E,  
1 F,  
1 G,

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Or, it may be found at one operation, by seeking the probability of his neither coming first nor second; thus  $\frac{6}{7} \times \frac{5}{6} = \frac{5}{7}$ , the probability that he neither wins prize nor stakes, as above.

What is the odds that A is neither first, second, nor third?

ANSWER.

4 to 3. As may be seen above at first sight: or by seeking severally the probabilities of his coming first, second, and third;

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third; and adding them together: or by seeking the probability of his neither coming first, second, nor third; which is done at one operation, thus;  $\frac{6}{7} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{4}{5} = \frac{4}{7}$ , which, being deducted from unity, there remains  $\frac{3}{7}$ , the probability of his being one of the first three, and the odds 4 to 3.

And provided A and B were both to belong to one person, then the probability of that person's winning the prize, would be  $\frac{2}{7}$ , and the odds 5 to 2.

Secondly, it is 11 to 10 that he either wins the prize or stakes; thus  $\frac{5}{7} \times \frac{4}{7} = \frac{20}{49}$ , the probability of his winning neither which, being deducted from unity, leaves  $\frac{29}{49}$ , the probability of his winning one of them; and the odds 11 to 10.

Thirdly, it is 20 to 1 that he doth not win both the prize and stakes. Calculate  
thus,



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thus, viz.  $\frac{2}{7} \times \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{21}$ , the probability of his winning both, and the odds 20 to 1.

And the probability of A and B, both coming in the first three, is  $\frac{1}{7}$ . Calculated thus,  $\frac{1}{7} \times \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{21}$ , the probability, and the odds 6 to 1. Proved thus, find the probabilities of their coming in the six different orders as follows, whose sum is the probability required.

$$A, B, C, \&c. \frac{1}{7} \times \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{42},$$

$$A, C, \&c. B, \frac{1}{7} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{42},$$

$$B, A, C, \&c. \frac{1}{7} \times \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{42},$$

$$B, C, \&c. A, \frac{1}{7} \times \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{42},$$

$$C, \&c. A, B, \frac{5}{7} \times \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{42},$$

$$C, \&c. B, A, \frac{5}{7} \times \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{42},$$

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$$\text{Total } \frac{6}{42}, \text{ or } \frac{1}{7}.$$

F

And,

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And, lastly, it is 5 to 2, that either A, or B, or both A and B, are in the first three, for  $\frac{4}{7} \times \frac{3}{6} = \frac{2}{7}$ , the probability that neither of them comes in first three ; which being deducted from unity, there remains  $\frac{5}{7}$ , the probability of one or both coming in the first three. Odds 5 to 2.

#### EXAMPLE XVI.

Suppose four start, viz. A, B, C, D ; and the odds to be 8 to 6, A against B ; 6 to 4, B against C ; and 2 to 1, C against D.

And that Sir Thomas Turf laid 500 guineas, that D will come hindmost ; What is his advantage, or disadvantage, in laying the said bet.

Find the several probabilities of their coming in the six different orders, as followeth.

A, B, C,

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$$A, B, C, \frac{4}{10} \times \frac{6}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{15}, \text{ or } \frac{24500000}{1837500000}$$

$$A, C, B, \frac{4}{10} \times \frac{2}{6} \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{1}{10}, \text{ or } \frac{183750000}{1837500000}$$

$$B, A, C, \frac{3}{10} \times \frac{4}{7} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{35}, \text{ or } \frac{21000000}{1837500000}$$

$$B, C, A, \frac{3}{10} \times \frac{2}{7} \times \frac{4}{5} = \frac{12}{175}, \text{ or } \frac{12600000}{1837500000}$$

$$C, A, B, \frac{2}{10} \times \frac{4}{8} \times \frac{3}{4} = \frac{3}{40}, \text{ or } \frac{137812500}{1837500000}$$

$$C, B, A, \frac{2}{10} \times \frac{3}{8} \times \frac{4}{5} = \frac{3}{50}, \text{ or } \frac{110250000}{1837500000}$$

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$$\text{Total } \frac{1012812500}{1837500000}$$

Which is the probability of D's coming hindmost ; therefore, Sir Thomas's expectation of the 1000 guineas, is  $\frac{10128125}{18375000}$  of that sum ; from which deduct his own stake, there remains  $\frac{240625}{18375}$  of a guinea, or which is the same  $51 \frac{28}{147}$  guineas, or 53 l. 15 s. the advantage required, or so much is the sum he might give upon equality of chance, to another person to lay him the same wager.

Secondly,

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Secondly, Let us suppose Sir Robert Rash to have laid 600 guineaa to 400, that D will come hindmost. What will his advantage or disadvantage be, by laying that wager.

You have found already the probability of D coming hindmost to be  $\frac{10128125}{18375000}$ . Therefore Sir Robert's expectation of the 1000 guineas is  $\frac{10128125}{18375000}$  of that sum, which being deducted from his own stake, there remains  $48 \frac{14875}{18375}$  guineas, or 51l. 5s. 0d.  $\frac{168}{735}$  his disadvantage; or so much he ought to give, upon equality of chance, to another person to take the bet off his hands.

This shews the advantage, or disadvantage, in laying less or more than the true odds; which, in this case, is 10128125 to 8246875, not quite 16 to 13.

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A PARADOX.

IT happened at Malden in Essex, in the year 1738, that three horses (and no more than three) started for a 10 l. plate, and they were all three distanced the first heat, according to the common rules in Horse-racing, without any quibble or equivocation.

SOLUTION.

The first run on the inside of the post; the second wanted weight; and the third fell, and broke a fore-leg.

(See Cheany's Horse-racing Book.)

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T H E  
ODDS IN COCK-FIGHTING.

Battles.		Odds.
3 out of 4, is	—	2 $\frac{1}{5}$ to 1.
4 out of 5, is	—	4 $\frac{1}{3}$ to 1.
4 out of 6, is	—	1 $\frac{10}{11}$ to 1.
5 out of 6, is	—	8 $\frac{1}{7}$ to 1.
5 out of 7, is	—	3 $\frac{12}{29}$ to 1.
6 out of 7, is	—	15 to 1.
5 out of 8, is	—	1 $\frac{70}{93}$ to 1.
6 out of 8, is	—	5 $\frac{34}{37}$ to 1.
7 out of 8, is	—	27 $\frac{4}{9}$ to 1.
6 out of 9, is	—	2 $\frac{122}{130}$ to 1.
7 out of 9, is	—	10 $\frac{6}{46}$ to 1.
8 out of 9, is	—	50 $\frac{1}{5}$ to 1.
6 out of 10, is	—	1 $\frac{252}{386}$ to 1.
		7 out

# ODDS IN COCK-FIGHTING. 39

Battles.		Odds.
7 out of 10, is	—	$4 \frac{144}{176}$ to 1.
8 out of 10, is	—	$17 \frac{16}{56}$ to 1.
9 out of 10, is	—	$92 \frac{1}{11}$ to 1.
7 out of 11, is	—	$2 \frac{36a}{562}$ to 1.
8 out of 11, is	—	$7 \frac{192}{232}$ to 1.
9 out of 11, is	—	$29 \frac{38}{67}$ to 1.
10 out of 11, is	—	$169 \frac{8}{12}$ to 1.
7 out of 12, is	—	$1 \frac{924}{1586}$ to 1.
8 out of 12, is	—	$4 \frac{126}{794}$ to 1.
9 out of 12, is	—	$12 \frac{209}{299}$ to 1.
10 out of 12, is	—	$50 \frac{67}{79}$ to 1.
11 out of 12, is	—	$314 \frac{1}{13}$ to 1.
8 out of 13, is	—	$2 \frac{267}{595}$ to 1.
9 out of 13, is	—	$6 \frac{541}{1093}$ to 1.
10 out of 13, is	—	$20 \frac{127}{189}$ to 1.
11 out of 13, is	—	$88 \frac{1}{23}$ to 1.
12 out of 13, is	—	$584 \frac{1}{7}$ to 1.
		8 out

# 40 ODDS IN COCK-FIGHTING.

Battles.		Odds.
8 out of 14, is	————	1 $\frac{608}{1519}$ to 1.
9 out of 14, is	————	3 $\frac{2492}{3473}$ to 1.
10 out of 14, is	————	10 $\frac{203}{1471}$ to 1.
11 out of 14, is	————	33 $\frac{202}{235}$ to 1.
12 out of 14, is	————	153 $\frac{30}{103}$ to 1.
13 out of 14, is	————	1091 $\frac{4}{15}$ to 1.
9 out of 15, is	————	2 $\frac{2921}{9949}$ to 1.
10 out of 15, is	————	5 $\frac{3104}{4944}$ to 1.
11 out of 15, is	————	15 $\frac{1712}{1941}$ to 1.
12 out of 15, is	————	55 $\frac{512}{576}$ to 1.
13 out of 15, is	————	269 $\frac{98}{121}$ to 1.
14 out of 15, is	————	2047 to 1.
9 out of 16, is	————	1 $\frac{12870}{26333}$ to 1.
10 out of 16, is	————	3 $\frac{5964}{14893}$ to 1.
11 out of 16, is	————	8 $\frac{1571}{6885}$ to 1.
12 out of 16, is	————	25 $\frac{94}{2517}$ to 1.
13 out of 16, is	————	93 $\frac{18}{697}$ to 1.
		14 out



# ODDS IN COCK-FIGHTING. 41

Battles.		Odds.
14 out of 16, is	—	477 $\frac{50}{137}$ to 1.
15 out of 16, is	—	3854 $\frac{1}{17}$ to 1.
10 out of 17, is	—	1 $\frac{3602}{20613}$ to 1.
11 out of 17, is	—	5 $\frac{202}{10889}$ to 1.
12 out of 17, is	—	12 $\frac{4423}{4701}$ to 1.
13 out of 17, is	—	39 $\frac{1256}{1607}$ to 1.
14 out of 17, is	—	156 $\frac{67}{417}$ to 1.
15 out of 17, is	—	850 $\frac{9}{77}$ to 1.
16 out of 17, is	—	7280 $\frac{7}{9}$ to 1.
10 out of 18, is	—	1 $\frac{48620}{106762}$ to 1.
11 out of 18, is	—	3 $\frac{10128}{53004}$ to 1.
12 out of 18, is	—	7 $\frac{12704}{31180}$ to 1.
13 out of 18, is	—	19 $\frac{9824}{12616}$ to 1.
14 out of 18, is	—	63 $\frac{3072}{4048}$ to 1.
15 out of 18, is	—	264 $\frac{324}{988}$ to 1.
16 out of 18, is	—	1523 $\frac{16}{172}$ to 1.
17 out of 18, is	—	13796 $\frac{1}{19}$ to 1.
	G	14 out

## 42 ODDS IN COCK-FIGHTING.

Battles.		Odds.
11 out of 19, is	—	2 $\frac{57495}{84883}$ to 1.
12 out of 19, is	—	4 $\frac{6671}{11773}$ to 1.
13 out of 19, is	—	10 $\frac{10633}{10949}$ to 1.
14 out of 19, is	—	30 $\frac{938}{2083}$ to 1.
15 out of 19, is	—	103 $\frac{136}{1259}$ to 1.
16 out of 19, is	—	450 $\frac{141}{145}$ to 1.
17 out of 19, is	—	2743 $\frac{184}{191}$ to 1.
18 out of 19, is	—	26213 $\frac{2}{5}$ to 1.
11 out of 20, is	—	1 $\frac{184756}{431910}$ to 1.
12 out of 20, is	—	2 $\frac{256726}{263950}$ to 1.
13 out of 20, is	—	6 $\frac{82726}{137980}$ to 1.
14 out of 20, is	—	16 $\frac{20756}{60460}$ to 1.
15 out of 20, is	—	47 $\frac{6976}{21700}$ to 1.
16 out of 20, is	—	168 $\frac{1452}{6196}$ to 1.
17 out of 20, is	—	775 $\frac{200}{1351}$ to 1.
18 out of 20, is	—	4968 $\frac{117}{211}$ to 1.
19 out of 20, is	—	49931 $\frac{4}{21}$ to 1.

N. B The foregoing Calculations suppose even Money on each Battle.

A TABLE

## ODDS IN COCK-FIGHTING. 43

*A TABLE shewing the Odds for and against,  
One Side winning a certain Number of  
Battles, when there is even Money on  
each Battle.*

No. of Battles.

4	One side wins 3 out of 4, is	11 to 5.
5	Neither wins 4 out of 5, is	5 to 3.
6	{ 1 side wins 4 out of 6, is	11 to 5.
	{ Neither wins 5 out of 6, is	25 to 7.
7	Neither wins 5 out of 7, is	35 to 29.
8	Neither wins 6 out of 8, is	91 to 37.
9	{ 1 side wins 6 out of 9, is	65 to 63.
	{ Neither wins 7 out of 9, is	105 to 23.
10	Neither wins 7 out of 10, is	21 to 11.
11	{ 1 side wins 7 out of 11, is	281 to 231.
	{ Neither wins 8 out of 11, is	787 to 232.
12	{ 1 side wins 7 out of 12, is	793 to 231.
	{ Neither wins 8 out of 12, is	602 to 397.
13	{ 1 side wins 8 out of 13, is	595 to 429.
	{ Neither wins 9 out of 13, is	3003 to 1093.
14	1 side wins 9 out of 14, is	4473 to 3719.

## 44 ODDS IN COCK-FIGHTING.

No. of Battles.

15	{	I wins 9 out of 15, is	9949 to	1335.
		Neither 10 out of 15, is	11435 to	4944.
16	{	I wins 9 out of 16, is	26333 to	6435.
		Neither 10 out of 16, is	17875 to	14893.
17	{	I wins 10 out of 17, is	20613 to	12155.
		Neither 11 out of 17, is	136136 to	126008.
20		I wins 12 out of 20, is	131725 to	130169.

The foregoing Table is so plain, that it needs no Explanation.

When there are Five Battles to fight, it is an equal wager that one side wins Three Battles running.

And, when Six Battles, then it is 5 to 3, that one side wins Three Battles running.

It is  $3 \frac{21}{25}$  to 1, you don't win Two Battles running, when each Battle is 6 to 5 against you; and  $2 \frac{13}{16}$  to 1, you don't, when



## ODDS IN COCK-FIGHTING. 45

when each Battle is 6 to 5 for you, near 50 s. to a guinea.

It is  $4 \frac{1}{16}$  to 1, you don't, when each Battle is 5 to 4 against you, and  $2 \frac{6}{25}$  to 1, when each Battle is 5 to 4 for you.

It is  $5 \frac{1}{4}$  to 1 you don't, when each Battle is 6 to 4 against you, and  $1 \frac{7}{9}$  to 1 you don't, when each Battle is 6 to 4 for you.

It is 8 to 1 you don't, when each Battle is 2 to 1 against you, and 5 to 4 you don't win Two Battles running, when the odds in each Battle is 2 to 1 for you.

Supposing each Battle 6 to 5 for you, it is 94176 to 66875 (above 7 to 5) you win the odd Battle out of 5; but it is 120875 to 40176 (above 3 to 1) you don't

## 46 ODDS IN COCK-FIGHTING.

don't win 4 out of the 5; and almost 20 to 1 you don't win all 5; but above 50 to 1 you don't lose all 5, and near  $6 \frac{4}{11}$  to 1 you don't lose 4 out of 5; and if each Battle be 5 to 4 for you, it is 35625 to 23424 (above 6 to 4) you win the odd Battle out of the 5, and  $17 \frac{2799}{3125}$  to 1 you don't win all 5; but it is  $6 \frac{7081}{7424}$  to 1 you don't lose 4 out of 5, and  $56 \frac{681}{1024}$  to 1, you don't lose all 5.

When there are only Two Battles to fight, it is  $5 \frac{1}{4}$  to 1 you don't win both, when the odds is 6 to 4 against you; and  $1 \frac{7}{9}$  to 1 you don't, when each Battle is 6 to 4 for you.

When the odds are 2 to 1 for you, it is 5 to 4 you don't win Two Battles running; and 8 to 1 you don't lose both.

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## ODDS IN COCK-FIGHTING. 47

When there are Four Battles to fight, and the odds are 2 to 1 for you, then it is 65 to 16, or  $4\frac{1}{16}$  to 1 you do not win all 4; but it is 80 to 1 you do not lose all.

And, if the odds are 2 to 1 for you then it will be 131 to 132 that you do not win 4 out of the 5, and 211 to 32, or  $6\frac{19}{32}$  to 1 you do not win all 5; but it is 232 to 11 you do not lose 4 out of the 5; and 242 to 1 you do not lose all 5; and, likewise, it is 1248 to 939 you do not win 5 out of 7, and 1911 to 276 you do not win 6 out of 7, and 2059 to 128 or  $16\frac{11}{128}$  to 1, you do not win all 7; but it is 2078 to 109 you do not lose 5 out of 7; and 2172 to 15, or  $144\frac{4}{5}$  to 1 you do not lose 6, and 2186 to 1, not all 7.

The odds of a match in which there are even Battles, and one side is 3, 4, or any other number of Battles a head, it is double

## 48 ODDS IN COCK-FIGHTING.

ble the odds you do not tye the match ;  
more the odds you do not win it, less  
1 to 2.

### EXAMPLE.

Suppose in a match of Thirty Battles, one side was 3 a head, and but seven Battles to fight ; then the other side must win 5 out of the 7 to tye, and 6 out of 7 to win the match ; look in the table, and you will find it is  $3 \frac{12}{29}$  to 1, not 5, and 15 to 1 ; not 6 out of 7, The double of  $3 \frac{12}{29}$ , is  $6 \frac{24}{29}$ , which being added to 5, is  $21 \frac{24}{29}$ , less 1, is  $20 \frac{24}{29}$  to 2, or  $10 \frac{12}{29}$  to 1, is the odds of such a match.

Suppose Nine Battles to fight, and one side is Five Battles a head, then the other side must win 7 out of 9 to save, and 8 out of 9 to win, therefore the odds will be  $69 \frac{43}{65}$  to 1.

ODDS



Odds in each Battle.		Odds in the Main of		
		Three Battles.	Five Battles.	Seven Battles.
2 to 1	is 2 $\frac{6}{7}$ to 1	is 3 $\frac{32}{51}$ to 1	is 4 $\frac{292}{379}$ to 1	
3 to 2	is 1 $\frac{37}{44}$ to 1	is 2 $\frac{149}{992}$ to 1	is 2 $\frac{10205}{22640}$ to 1	
3 to 1	is 5 $\frac{2}{5}$ to 1	is 8 $\frac{35}{53}$ to 1	is 13 $\frac{50}{289}$ to 1	
5 to 4	is 1 $\frac{121}{304}$ to 1	is 1 $\frac{12199}{23426}$ to 1	is 1 $\frac{1148281}{1817344}$ to 1	
5 to 3	is 2 $\frac{13}{81}$ to 1	is 2 $\frac{2857}{4509}$ to 1	is 3 $\frac{14636}{127413}$ to 1	
6 to 5	is 1 $\frac{181}{575}$ to 1	is 1 $\frac{29301}{65875}$ to 1	is 1 $\frac{3843421}{7821875}$ to 1	
7 to 6	is 1 $\frac{253}{972}$ to 1	is 1 $\frac{53341}{158976}$ to 1	is 1 $\frac{10496389}{26126064}$ to 1	
7 to 5	is 1 $\frac{214}{325}$ to 1	is 1 $\frac{38166}{43125}$ to 1	is 2 $\frac{285577}{2890875}$ to 1	
7 to 4	is 2 $\frac{131}{400}$ to 1	is 2 $\frac{37019}{42344}$ to 1	is 3 $\frac{2110915}{4344064}$ to 1	
8 to 6	is 1 $\frac{73}{135}$ to 1	is 1 $\frac{4441}{6183}$ to 1	is 1 $\frac{252169}{285687}$ to 1	

# 50 ODDS IN COCK-FIGHTING.

Suppose even Betts on both Sides, then one wins

3 out of 4 is —	5 to —	3,	or —	1	$\frac{2}{3}$ to 1
6 out of 9 is —	65 to —	63,	—	1	$\frac{2}{63}$ to 1
7 out of 11 is —	231 to —	181,	—	1	$\frac{50}{181}$ to 1
8 out of 13 is	2380 to	1716,	—	1	$\frac{664}{1716}$ to 1
9 out of 15 is	9949 to	6435,	—	1	$\frac{3514}{6435}$ to 1
10 out of 17 is	20613 to	12155,	—	1	$\frac{8458}{12155}$ to 1
not 11, is	21879 to	10889,	—	2	$\frac{101}{10889}$ to 1
11 out of 19 is	84883 to	46189,	—	1	$\frac{38694}{46189}$ to 1
not 12, is	20995 to	11773,	—	1	$\frac{9222}{11773}$ to 1
12 out of 21 is	173965 to	88179,	—	1	$\frac{85786}{88179}$ to 1
not 13, is	323323 to	20965,	—	1	$\frac{122158}{20965}$ to 1
13 out of 23 is	2842226 to	1352078,	—	2	$\frac{69015}{676039}$ to 1
not 14 is	15609 to	106135,	—	1	$\frac{49874}{106135}$ to 1

A TABLE of CHANCES when the Odds are 5 to 1.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
0	1	1	1	1	1	1		For getting 7 Aces with 7 Dice, there is 1 Chance } 1
1	5	10	15	20	25	30		6 Aces — 35
2		25	75	150	250	375		5 Aces — 525
3			125	500	1250	2500		4 Aces — 4375
4				625	3125	9375		3 Aces — 21875
5					3125	18750		2 Aces — 65625
6						15625		1 Ace — 109375
7								78125
	6	36	216	1296	7776	46656		279936

One or Two Aces and no more, with 7 Dice is 175000 to 94936.

TABLE shewing the Odds against each Side winning Two Battles running.

The Strong Side.				Odds in each.				The Weak Side.			
<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>q.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>q.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>q.</i>
0	12	0	to	0	4	0	to	0	4	0	to
0	11	2	$\frac{3}{4}$	0	4	0	$\frac{31}{41}$	0	4	0	$\frac{32}{400}$
0	10	6	$\frac{3}{4}$	0	4	0	$\frac{93}{131}$	0	4	0	$\frac{72}{100}$
0	10	5	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	4	0	$\frac{3}{25}$	0	4	0	$\frac{57}{81}$
0	10	3	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	4	0	$\frac{1}{27}$	0	4	0	$\frac{3}{4}$
0	10	0	$\frac{3}{4}$	0	4	0	to	0	4	0	$\frac{31}{49}$
0	9	9	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	4	0	$\frac{10}{49}$	0	4	0	$\frac{1}{3}$
0	9	5	$\frac{1}{4}$	0	4	0	$\frac{1}{25}$	0	4	0	$\frac{7}{25}$
0	8	11	$\frac{1}{25}$	0	4	0	$\frac{2}{25}$	0	16	3	to



The TABLE shewing the Odds each Side winning Two Battles running; continued.

The Strong Side.				Odds in each.		The Weak Side.			
<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d. q.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d.</i>	<i>l.</i>	<i>s.</i>	<i>d. q.</i>	<i>l.</i>
0	8	3	0	4	0	0	17	$\frac{1}{4}$	0
0	7	9	0	4	0	0	19	$\frac{23}{29}$	0
0	7	$1\frac{1}{4}$	0	4	0	1	1	0	0
0	6	$6\frac{2}{4}$	0	4	0	1	3	$\frac{1}{4}$	0
0	6	$2\frac{3}{4}$	0	4	0	1	4	$\frac{1}{4}$	0
0	5	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	4	0	1	6	3	0
0	5	8	0	4	0	1	7	$4\frac{1}{4}$	0
0	5	0	0	4	0	1	12	0	0

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The Use of the foregoing Table.

Suppose a Match between York and Leeds, and the odds are 6 to 5 Leeds against York each Battle; it will be 9 s. 5 d.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , and  $\frac{1}{2}$  of a farthing, to 4 s. that Leeds does not win the next Two Battles; and it is 15 s. 4 d.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , and  $\frac{7}{8}$ , of a farthing to 4 s. that York does not win the next Two Battles.

If the bets are 8 to 7 each Battle, in favour of Leeds, then it is 10 s. and  $\frac{3}{4}$  q. to 4 s. that Leeds does not win the next Two Battles; and 14 s. 4 d.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , and  $\frac{3}{8}$  to 4 s. York does not win the next Two Battles.

LOT-

L O T T E R I E S.

E X A M P L E I.

**L**ET there be a Lottery, consisting of One Hundred Tickets, wherein there are Four Prizes ; it is almost 15 to 2 that in taking Three Tickets they shall all come up Blanks.

E X A M P L E II.

Suppose a Lottery, consisting of a great number of Tickets, wherein are Three Blanks to a Prize, and that you were to take Seven Tickets ; then it will be 4547 to 3645 (nearly) almost 5 to 4 there comes out two Prizes ; and in taking Thirty-one Tickets, the odds will be in your favour that you get Eight Prizes.

E X A M P L E

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### EXAMPLE III.

There is a Lottery, consisting of Ten Thousand Tickets, among which there are Three particular Prizes, and that if a person takes Two Thousand, then it will be 124 to 1 (nearly) that he don't get all the Three Prizes. And it is likewise to be observed, that it is 124952004 to 121973001, or a guinea to a pound (nearly) that there comes out none of the said Prizes.

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R A F F L E S.

Ten Dice.

**T**HERE are Fifty-one Points or Numbers to be thrown upon Ten Dice, for Ten is the lowest Number, and Sixty the highest.

Now let us suppose that there is one of these Raffles that has Twenty-six Prizes in it, and only Twenty-five Numbers are Blanks; that is to say, the following numbers, viz. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, and 60, are all Prizes, and the rest, viz. 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, and 47, are all Blanks.

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Now some people that are not well acquainted with the nature of Chances, may think that it is 26 to 25 every time you throw that you get a Prize; whereas, it is far otherways, for the exact odds is 59332954 to 1133222, or  $52 \frac{405418}{1133222}$ , or better than  $52 \frac{1}{3}$  to 1, that you throw a Blank, as you may see in the following Table of Ten Dice, for if you add all the Chances for getting the 13 lowest Points, to all the Chances for getting the 13 highest Points, their sum will be only 1133222; and the sum of the 25 middle Chances, will be 59332954, and therefore the odds against throwing a Prize is 59332954 to 1133222, as above.

## A TABLE

A TABLE shewing the Chances, by which any number of Points may be thrown precisely, with Ten common Dice.

Points.	Chances.	Points.	Chances.
10 60	1	23 47	383470
11 59	10	24 46	576565
12 58	55	25 45	831204
13 57	220	26 44	1151370
14 56	715	27 43	1535040
15 55	2002	28 42	1972630
16 54	4995	29 41	2446300
17 53	11340	30 40	2930455
18 52	26760	31 39	3393610
19 51	46420	32 38	3801535
20 50	85228	33 37	4121260
21 49	147940	34 36	4325310
22 48	243925	35 35	4395456

Total of all the Chances 60466176.

Suppose there were 10 prizes of 50 guineas each, viz. No. 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 56, 57, 58, 59, and 60 ; I say, suppose they were each a prize of 50 guineas, it is  $30201 \frac{1772}{2000}$  to 1, against getting any one of them.

A TABLE

## TABLES of all the Chances upon

## Nine Dice.

## Eight Dice.

N°. Chances. N°.

N°. Chances. N°.

9	1	54
10	9	53
11	45	52
12	165	51
13	495	50
14	1287	49
15	2994	48
16	6354	47
17	12465	46
18	22825	45
19	39303	44
20	63999	43
21	98979	42
22	145899	41
23	205560	40
24	277464	39
25	359469	38
26	447669	37
27	536569	36
28	619569	35
29	689715	34
30	740619	33
31	767394	32

8	1	48
9	8	47
10	36	46
11	120	45
12	330	44
13	792	43
14	1708	42
15	3368	41
16	6147	40
17	10480	39
18	16808	38
19	25488	37
20	36688	36
21	50288	35
22	65808	34
23	82384	33
24	98813	32
25	113688	31
26	125588	30
27	133288	29
28	135954	28

Total 1679616.

Total 10077696.

TABLES



TABLES shewing all the Chances upon  
Seven Dice. Six Dice.

N <sup>o</sup> .	Chances.	N <sup>o</sup> .	N <sup>o</sup> .	Chances.	N <sup>o</sup>
7	1	42	6	1	36
8	7	41	7	6	35
9	28	40	8	21	34
10	84	39	9	56	33
11	210	38	10	126	32
12	462	37	11	252	31
13	917	36	12	456	30
14	1667	35	13	756	29
15	2807	34	14	1161	28
16	4417	33	15	1666	27
17	6538	32	16	2247	26
18	9142	31	17	2856	25
19	12117	30	18	3431	24
20	15267	29	19	3906	23
21	18327	28	20	4221	22
22	20993	27	21	4332	21
23	22967	26			
24	24017	25			

Total 46656

Total 279936

It is 44220 to 2436, that you do not throw 4 equal faces with 6 dice, for  $1 + 30 + 375 = 406 \times 6 = 2436$ . (See the Table of 5 to 1, Page 51.)

Five Dice calculated 7776 Chances;

N <sup>o</sup> .	Chances.	N <sup>o</sup> .
5	1	30
6	5	29
7	15	28
8	55	27
9	70	26
10	126	25
11	205	24
12	305	23
13	420	22
14	540	21
15	651	20
16	735	19
17	780	18

For throwing 5 aces with 5 Dice, there is only 1 chance; for throwing 4 aces, there are 25 chances; and for 3 aces, 250; in all, 276 chances, for throwing 3 or more aces, which being multiplied by 6, gives 1656, the chances for throwing 3 or more equal faces, which subtracted from 7776, the remainder is 6120,

so it is 6120 to 1656 against throwing 3 equal faces. (See the Table of 5 to 1, Page 51.)

A undertakes to throw 3, or more equal faces, with 5 Dice, before B throws 2, or more aces. What is the odds?

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1656 to 1526 in favour of A.

Four

Four Dice calculated 1296 Chances.

N <sup>o</sup> .	Chances.	N <sup>o</sup> .
4	1	24
5	4	23
6	10	22
7	20	21
8	35	20
9	56	19
10	80	18
11	104	17
12	125	16
13	140	15
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14	146	14

With 4 Dice you have 1 chance for throwing 4 fixes ; 20 for throwing 3 fixes ; 150 for throwing 2 fixes ; 500 for 1 fix ; and 625 for not throwing a fix ; in all 1296. (See the Table of 5 to 1, Page 51.)

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The same for 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1, so that it is 671 to 625 that I throw a fix. For throwing 2 fixes, 3 fixes, or 4 fixes, there are 171 chances; which being multiplied by 6, the product is 1026, subtracted from the total number of chances, the remainder will be 270, so it is 1026 to 270, or  $3 \frac{215}{270}$  to 1 that you throw two equal faces.

Three Dice calculated 216 Chances.

N <sup>o</sup> .	Chances.	N <sup>o</sup> .	Chances.
3	1	11	27
4	3	12	25
5	6	13	21
6	10	14	15
7	15	15	10
8	21	16	6
9	25	17	3
10	27	18	1

It is 215 to 1 that you do not throw 3 fixes. Neither 3 fixes, nor 2 fixes, is 200

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to 16, or 25 to 2. That you do not throw a fix, is 125 to 91. (See the Table of 5 to 1, page 51.) It is 120 to 96, that you do not throw two equal faces with 3 Dice.

A undertakes to throw 2 equal faces before an ace. What is the odds?

A N S W E R.

In favour of A's getting two equal faces before an ace, is 96 to 91.

Two Dice calculated 36 Chances.

N <sup>o</sup> . Chances.											
2	1										
3	2										
4	3										
5	4										
6	5										
7	6										
8	5										
9	4										
10	3										
11	2										
12	1										
Total 36											

It is 5 to 1 against throwing two equal faces ; but it is 9 to 6 nearly, that you  
throw

throw doublets once in 5 trials. And that you throw doublets once in 4 trials is 671 to 625. The same upon throwing 7.

A undertakes to throw 10 once, be 10 7 twice ; the odds are in his favour as 5 to 4.

It is 671 to 625 that a 6 comes up at 2 throws.

7 or more, at each throw, is 21 to 15.  
 14 or more, in two throws, is 720 to 575.  
 21 or more, in three throws, is 25494 to 21162. Against throwing an Ace, is 25 to 11. For throwing Duce or Ace, is 5 to 4. For throwing Ace, Duce, or Tray, is 3 to 1.

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The following TABLES will shew how many Chances may be thrown on any Number of Dice, from One to Six.

TABLE I.

Dice	Chances.					
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Roots of Points on one Side.
1	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	1	4	9	16	25	36 Squares.
3	1	8	27	64	125	216 Cubes.
4	1	16	81	256	625	1296 Biquadrates.
5	1	32	243	1024	3125	7776 Surfollids.
6	1	64	729	4096	15625	46656 Squared Cubes.



The uppermost figures involved, produce the powers under them.

The right-hand column shews the greatest number of Chances that is on any number of Dice, from 1 to 6; that under 5, is the number without a 6; that under the 4, the number without 5 and 6.

And, that this is no more strange than true, is here demonstrated by the several ways that the greatest number of Chances on 2 Dice is 36, which is equal to the square of the greatest number of points on one side of a Dice.

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TABLE II.

The particular Chances on 2 Dice are  
thus :

1,1	2,1	3,1	4,1	5,1	6,1
1,2	2,2	3,2	4,2	5,2	6,2
1,3	2,3	3,3	4,3	5,3	6,3
1,4	2,4	3,4	4,4	5,4	6,4
1,5	2,5	3,5	4,5	5,5	6,5
1,6	2,6	3,6	4,6	5,6	6,6

6+ 6+ 6+ 6+ 6+ 6=36 in all.

Note, + signifieth more, and = equal to.

TABLE III.

A Second Way, thus :

1,1	1,2	2,3	3,4	4,5	5,6	
2,2	1,3	2,4	3,5	4,6	—	
3,3	1,4	2,5	3,6	—		1
4,4	1,5	2,6	—	2		+2
5,5	1,6	—	3			3
6,6	—	4				+4
—	5					+5
6						+6
						—
						=21 Sum.

Farther,				
2,1	3,2	4,3	5,4	6,5
3,1	4,2	5,3	6,4	—
4,1	5,2	6,3	—	+1
5,1	6,2	—	+2	2
6,1	—	+3		3
—	+4			4
5				5

Chances = 15 + 21 = 36 as before.

TABLE IV.

A Third Way for particular Chances on  
2 Dice.

Casts.	Points.	Chances.
2 —	1,1	— 1
3 —	2,1 } 1,2 }	— 2
4 — — —	2,2 } 1,3 } 3,1 }	— 3
5 — — — —	4,1 } 1,4 } 3,2 } 2,3 }	— 4

Casts.      Points.      Chances.

6    ——— 5,1 }  
      ——— 1,5 } ——— 5  
      ——— 4,2 }  
      ——— 2,4 }  
      ——— 3,3 }

7    ——— 6,1 }  
      ——— 1,6 } ——— 6  
      ——— 5,2 }  
      ——— 2,5 }  
      ——— 4,3 }  
      ——— 3,4 }  
                  21 = Sum.

8    ——— 4,4 }  
      ——— 6,2 } ——— 5  
      ——— 2,6 }  
      ——— 5,3 }  
      ——— 3,5 }

9    ——— 6,3 }  
      ——— 3,6 } ——— 4  
      ——— 5,4 }  
      ——— 4,5 }

10 ———



Casts.	Points.	Chances.
10	5,5	} ——— 3
	4,6	
	6,4	

11	6,5	} ——— 2
	5,6	

12	6,6	——— 1
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Sum 15 + 21  
= 36, Sum total as before.

Also in farther use of Table 1, to demonstrate that the chances answer to the number of points in the uppermost line, and the number of dice in the left-hand column thus, against 2 dice, and under 3 stands 9, which shews there are 9 chances on 2 dice, when the greatest number of points, are but 3 on those dice.

Demonstrated thus :

Points.			
1	and	1	} Sum = 9 Chances.
2	—	2	
3	—	3	
1	—	2	
2	—	1	
1	—	3	
3	—	1	
2	—	3	
3	—	2	

Secondly, That there are but 8 chances on 3 Dice, when the greatest number of points therein are 2. Thus :

Points.						
1	and	1	and	1	} Sum = 8 Chances, or by the Table.	
2	—	2	—	2		
2	—	1	—	1		
1	—	1	—	2		
1	—	2	—	1		
2	—	1	—	2		
2	—	2	—	1		
1	—	2	—	2		

Thirdly,

Thirdly, That there are 27 Chances on 3 Dice, when the greatest Number of Points thereon are 3. Thus :

Points. Char

1,1,1 ——— 1

2,2,2 ——— 1

3,3,3 ——— 1

1,2,2 ——— 2

1,3,3 ——— 2

1,2,3 ——— 2

1,2,1 ——— 1

1,1,2 ——— 2

1,1,3 ——— 2

1,3,1 ——— 1

2,1,2 ——— 1

2,3,2 ——— 1

2,3,3 ——— 2

2,1,3 ——— 2

2,3,1 ——— 2

3,1,3 ——— 1

3,2,2 ——— 2

3,2,3 ——— 1

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27 = Sum Total.

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## THE ODDS OF THE GAME.

THE Odds of 2 Love, is about 5 to 2.  
 And of 2 to 1, is 2 to 1.  
 And of 1 Love, is 3 to 2.

## A TABLE of Points with the Chances for Hitting.

Distance of Points.	Chances for Hitting.	Cannot be hit.	Points open.	Chances for Entering.
1	10	11	3	
2	11	12	2	13
3	12	14	3	14
4	15	15	1	17
5	16	15	1	19
6	18	17	1	21
7	20	6	1	22
8	24	6	1	23
9		5		

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The Use of the foregoing TABLE.

Suppose you have a man out, which cannot be hit but with an Ace; look in the left-hand column for 1, and against it in the next column is 11, which being subtracted from 36, leaves 25. Therefore it is 25 to 11 it is not hit.

EXAMPLE II.

If a man is 5 points off you, What are odds against hitting that man?

ANSWER.

21 to 15 that he is not hit. For as there are 36 chances upon 2 Dice, and only 15 for hitting, it must 21 to 15 that he cannot be hit.

EXAMPLE

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### EXAMPLE III.

If a man is 6 points off, the chance for that man being hit is 17, and therefore the odds are 19 to 17, that he is not hit.

### EXAMPLE IV.

If a man is 13, 14, 17, 19, 21, 22, or 23 points off, he cannot be hit.

### EXAMPLE V.

If you have a man to enter, and only 1 point open, there are 11 chances for entering; therefore the odds are 25 to 11 that you do not enter. But if there are 2 points open, then there are 20 chances for entering; therefore the odds for entering are 20 to 16, or 5 to 4.

### A TABLE

A TABLE shewing how to play the 36 Chances of Dice, at the Beginning of a Hit.

1	1	B: 5:	5	4	*3.
6	6	B: *B:	5	3	3:
3	3	5: 3: }	5	2	5. 2.
3	3	5: *4: }	5	1	5. 5. }
2	2	4: 2: }	5	1	5. *2: }
2	2	4: *3: }			
4	4	5: }	4	3	4. 3.
4	4	*5: 4: }	4	2	4:
5	5	3:	4	1	5. 4. }
			4	1	4. *2. }
6	1	B:			
6	2	5.	3	2	3. 2.
6	3	*3.	3	1	5:
6	4	*2.			
6	5	*1.	2	1	2. 5.
			2	1	2. *2.

The Explanation and Use of the foregoing Table.

Those with no mark signify your own Tables, and the figures standing upright, signify

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signify within the Tables ; those standing thus  $\alpha$  signify out of the Tables, and those with this mark \* signify your adversary's Table : B signifies Barr Point.

Likewise, when two is braced together, the first is for a gammon, the second for a hit ; and lastly, the dots thus . or thus : signifies one or two men to be played upon that point.

And the use of it is, to shew how to play any of the 36 chances at the beginning of a hit ; either for a gammon, or for a hit only.

### EXAMPLE. I.

Two fours to be brought over from the five men placed in your adversary's Tables,  
and



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and to be put upon the Cinque point, in your own Tables, for a gammon only.

But if you play for a hit, two of them are to take your adversary's Cinque point in his Tables ; and for the other two, two men are to brought from the five men in your adversary's Tables.

### EXAMPLE II.

Duce, Ace.

Bring one man, from the five men placed in your adversary's Table, and put it upon Duce point out of your own Tables, and play the Ace upon the Cinque point in your own Tables, for a gammon only.

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But if you play for a hit, then play the Duce from the five men placed in your adversary's Tables, as before directed ; and play the Ace from your adversary's Ace point.

N. B. At the beginning of a set, do not play for a back game, because by so doing, you will play to a great disadvantage, running the risk of a gammon, to win a single hit.

**Odds**

## W H I S T.

RULES to be attended to by every Learner.

I. **S**upposing you have no other good cards besides five small trumps, then keep playing them about, and that will give your partner an opportunity of getting the tennace.

II. When you have a knave, a queen, and 3 small trumps, with a good suit, then lead the board with one of your small trumps.

III. If you have an ace, a king, and 4 small trumps, with a good suit, you must play 3 rounds of small trumps to prevent the great ones from being taken.

IV. When you have 4 small trumps with a king and a queen, and a good suit, then trump about with the king; for when the lead comes about you will still have 3 rounds of trumps.

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V. If you have a ten and a knave, with 3 small trumps, then trump about with 1 of the small ones.

VI. If you have a ten, eight, a knave, and 2 small trumps, with a good suit, you must trump about with the knave, which will bring out the nine at the second round.

VII. If you have only one small trump, with an eight, nine, and ten, then trump about with the ten.

VIII. If you have 4 small trumps, with the queen and knave, then lead with the queen, because it is probable your partner will have an honour, which by that means will be saved.

IX. If you have an ace, a king, and a knave, with 3 small trumps, then play the king, by which you will have a fair chance of bringing out the queen.

X. When you have 4 small trumps, with the king and queen, then begin with the  
small



small ones, because it is probable one of the honours may be in the hand of your partner.

XI. When you have only six trumps of an inferior degree, then play the lowest first, by which your adversary will be obliged to play his honours to the best advantage.

XII. If you have 3 small trumps, and a ten, then play one of the small ones.

XIII. When you have 1 small trump, with an eight, nine, and ten, then play the ten, because your partner will then have an opportunity of passing it if he thinks proper.

XIV. If you have 3 small trumps, with an ace, king, and knave, then play one of the small ones, and you will force your antagonist to bring out his honours.

XV. Supposing your partner should begin by leading the king of a suit, and it happens that you have more to answer it, then pass it and throw away a losing card, which will make room for the advantage you may take in the second round.

The following Calculations will shew the truth of the above principles, especially so far as they relate to your connection with a partner.

EXAMPLE I. For one Card.

That your Partner has not } is 2 to 1  
one certain card,

EXAMPLE II. For two Cards.

That he has not 2 certain Cards, is 17 to 2  
That he has not 1 of them only, is 31 to 26  
That he has 1, or both, is 32 to 25  
Or 5 to 4

EXAMPLE III. For three Cards.

That he has not 3 certain Cards, is 31 to 1  
That he has not 2, is 7 to 2  
That he has not 1, is 7 to 6  
That he has either 1 or 2, is 13 to 6  
That he has 1, 2, or all 3, is 5 to 2

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A TABLE shewing the Chances for the Dealer and his Partner, holding 1, 2, 3, or 4 Honours, and contrary.

Chances for the Dealer and his Partner holding,	0	2691	4
	1	14196	3
	2	25350	2
	3	18252	1
	4	4485	0
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The Non-Dealers.

That there are not 4 by Honours, is 57798 to 7176, better than 8 to 1.

Not 2 by Honours only, is 32527 to 32448.

That the Honours counts, is 36924 to 25350, or 11 to 7, nearly.

That the Dealer is nothing by Honours, is 42237 to 22737, or 15 to 8, nearly.

A TABLE

# 83 ODDS AT WHIST.

A TABLE shewing the Chances for the Dealer holding any Number of Trumps, besides that turned up.

0	3910797436	0
1	20112672528	1
2	41959196136	2
3	46621329040	3
4	30454255260	4
5	12181702104	5
6	3014663652	6
7	455999544	7
8	40714245	8
9	2010580	9
10	48906	10
11	468	11
12	1	12
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By the above Table it appears, that it is 92777023800 to 65982666100 against the Dealer holding more than two Trumps, besides that turn'd up ; or that he doth not hold four Trumps, about 7 to 5.

A TABLE



# ODDS AT WHIST. 89

A TABLE shewing the Chances for a Person that is not Dealer, holding any Number of Trumps.

0	8122425444	0
1	46929569232	1
2	110619698904	2
3	139863987120	3
4	104897990340	4
5	48726808416	5
6	14211985788	6
7	2583997416	7
8	284999715	8
9	18095220	9
10	603174	10
11	8892	11
12	39	12
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	476260169700	

It is 305535680700 to 170724489000 that a person that is not dealer doth not hold four trumps, about 9 to 5.

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A TABLE

## 90 ODDS AT WHIST.

A TABLE shewing the Chances for  
some one's holding any number of  
Trumps.

4	55691522315	4
5	70390713393	5
6	26270012340	6
7	5598661068	7
8	740999259	8
9	58809465	9
10	2613754	10
11	57798	11
12	507	12
13	1	13
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	158753389900	

It is 103061867585 to 55691522315  
that some one holds five trumps, about  
13 to 7.

A CASE

A CASE to demonstrate the advantage  
by a Saw.

Suppose A and B partners, and that A has a quart-major in clubs, they being trumps ; another quart-major in hearts, another quart-major in diamonds, and the ace of spades. And let us suppose the adversaries, C and D, to have the following cards, viz. C has four trumps, eight hearts, and one spade ; D has five trumps and eight diamonds : C being to lead, plays a heart, D trumps it : D plays a diamond, C trumps ; and thus pursuing the Saw, each partner trumps a quart-major of A's ; and C being to play at the ninth trick, plays a spade, which D trumps. Thus C and D have now the nine first tricks, and leave A, with his quart-major in trumps only.

The foregoing Case shews that whenever you gain the advantage of establishing a Saw, it is to your interest to embrace it.

N. B. A quart-major signifies ace, king, queen, and knave in any suit.

## A S E E - S A W

Is when each partner trumps a suit, and they play those suits to one another to trump.

## C R I B B A G E.

## A critical Case at C R I B B A G E.

**A** and B playing at five card Cribbage ; A is 56, and B is only 5 and deals, and has three fixes and two trays ; A has six, seven, ten, and two trays ; they each lay out two trays, and a nine turns up ; A plays his seven, B plays a fix ; A plays his six, and sets on two, B plays another fix, and sets on 6 ; then A cannot come in ; B plays the fourth fix, which makes 31 ; then he sets on 14, which with the 6 he got before, makes 20 in play. A only got 2 in play, and 2 in hand, which makes him but 60 ; now B having 5 on, 20 in play, 12 in hand, and 24 in crib, is 61, the game.

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## A L L - F O U R S .

### A critical Case at A L L - F O U R S .

**A** and B plays hearts, being trumps, A has ace, king, queen, jack, and duce of trumps, with the ten of diamonds ; B has four small clubs, knave of diamonds, and one small trump. Now, if A does not mind very well, B will get the game ; but if A takes care to throw away his ten of diamonds upon one of B's losing cards, he will then get All Fours ; for his game will be eleven, and B's only ten ; whereas if A had suffered B to take his ten with the knave, then B would have eleven for his game, and A only ten.

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P U T.

**L**ET there be three heaps of cards laid upon the table, with their faces upwards ; that is to say, let one of the heaps consist of two kings and a tray ; the second, two dukes, and a queen ; and the third, three aces. Then A gives B the privilege of choosing any one of the heaps ; A takes one of the remaining heaps, and always beats B.

For when B takes two kings and a tray, A takes the three aces.

When B takes three aces, then A takes two dukes, and a queen.

And when B takes two dukes and a queen ; then will A take two kings and a tray, by which means, which ever it is that plays first, B can never win.

Therefore the first choice is not always the best.

A TABLE

# BOWLS OR COITS. 95

A TABLE shewing the Chances for getting any assigned Number at each End, when 2, 3, 4, or 6 People play.

N <sup>o</sup> . at each end.	Number of Players.			
	2	3	4	6
0	3	10	35	462
1	2	4	20	252
2	1	1	10	126
3			4	56
4			1	21
5				6
6				1
	6	15	70	924

The Use of the foregoing Table.

If there are three Players, A, B, and C, then it is 14 to 1 that A does not get 2, and 10 to 5 he neither gets 1 nor 2 (just 2 to 1) and so of the rest.

A TABLE

# 96 BOWLS OR COITS.

Odds of the Game.

When either Two or Four People play.

A wants	B wants	2 Players.	4 Players.
2	1	is 2 to 1	is 1 $\frac{4}{5}$ to 1
3	1	is 4 $\frac{1}{7}$ to 1	is 1 $\frac{1}{12}$ to 1
4	1	is 7 $\frac{4}{13}$ to 1	is 5 $\frac{29}{281}$ to 1
5	1	is 12 $\frac{37}{47}$ to 1	is 8 $\frac{761}{4251}$ to 1
3	2	is 1 $\frac{34}{37}$ to 1	is 1 $\frac{85}{129}$ to 1
4	2	is 3 $\frac{16}{77}$ to 1	is 2 $\frac{2039}{3322}$ to 1
5	2	is 5 $\frac{3}{13}$ to 1	is 3 $\frac{44824}{67829}$ to 1
4	3	is 1 $\frac{242}{365}$ to 1	is 1 $\frac{7268}{13173}$ to 1
5	3	is $\frac{2073}{3197}$ to 1	is 2 $\frac{42727}{142623}$ to 1
5	4	is 1 $\frac{7778}{13607}$ to 1	is 1 $\frac{97284594}{157243453}$ to 1

The Use of the above Table.<sup>1</sup>

If A wants 4, and B wants 2, the odds are 3  $\frac{16}{77}$  to 1, if 2 play.

F I N I S;



